MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know from the member whether it is not the opinion of the Government that such an organisation is absolutely necessary to give tone to the movement?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): If the member is of that opinion that matter would be considered.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know from the member whether Government would be prepared to contribute some amount at least, to divert some amount from the amount allotted for the official agency?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I am not able to say that now. That matter will be considered.

Reorganisation of the Co-operative Department in 1106.

26. **MR. JOSEPH KUNJU** (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is in accordance with seniority that increase of pay has been given to three Inspectors and the Head Clerk of the Registrar's Office under the reorganisation sanctioned for the Co-operative Department in 1106; and

(*b*) if not, the principle on which increase of pay was given?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Promotion to the first grade was given to the three senior Inspectors. The Inspector who had seniority and capacity for the work was selected as Head Clerk without prejudice to the seniority of those above him.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this question does not arise.

Abolition of tolls.

27. **MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they propose to abolish tolls on vehicles in the State, and, if so, when?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

(Mr. Krishnan Nayar, member for Pattanamtitta, presented a notice in respect of a motion for the adjournment of the business of the House to the Deputy President.)

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Mr. Krishnan Nayar has put into my hands an application for leave to make a motion for the adjournment of the business of the Council to consider a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the treatment meted out by the authorities to Messrs. Sankara Pillai and Mathunni who have been convicted of sedition and who are now undergoing imprisonment in the Central Jail.

I presume that the conviction is under sentence of a duly constituted criminal court in the land. I understand further that the conviction was upheld, in appeal, by the High Court. The only outstanding

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question that remains is whether these two gentlemen who were convicted of, what may be regarded as, a political offence, are treated with that consideration, sympathy and courtesy to which they are entitled as different from the ordinary violator of the law in the land. If, in the opinion of the member, the treatment accorded to them is not in accordance with the Rules and Regulations laid down by the Government, it would be a matter for consideration. Unless the member suggests that they are not receiving the treatment to which they are entitled under the law, I am not for allowing the motion. In fact, in the course of the Budget discussion it was suggested yesterday, that the matter was under the consideration of Government and that it was pending with the Sessions Judge, Trivandrum. Under the circumstances, I feel that the motion, for the adjournment of the House, is not in order. It is one of those subjects which you can bring up in the course of the Budget discussion. If, as a matter of fact, you are dissatisfied with the treatment accorded to these two gentlemen now undergoing imprisonment, it is open to you, under a token motion, to express your sense of disapproval. But, it does not justify a motion for the adjournment of the business of the House, especially in view of the fact that we are beginning regular voting on demands from tomorrow.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHA RAJA OF TRAVANCORE ON THE PROPOSED ACCESSION TO THE GADI IN NOVEMBER 1931.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I request the Chair to convey the respectful congratulations of this House and of the country on the announcement, of the accession, to the *Gadi*, of His Highness the Maha Raja, in November?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Certainly, it is very welcome news.

With reference to the request made by my friend, Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai, nothing can give me greater pleasure, when the time arises, to convey the respectful congratulations and felicitations of this House and of the people when that happy event is *officially* announced. At present, I understand, from the Government side, that the question has not been officially settled so as to be announced publicly. Perhaps, my friend is only anticipating the joyous event that may occur in the near future; and then, if the Council is in session and if I have the privilege to occupy the Chair, I would esteem it a very pleasant duty to convey, to His Highness the Maha Raja, the respectful congratulations of the House and of the people of the country. In the meantime, I am sorry I have not got materials to make any communication.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): There is the announcement of the Associated Press.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: We will resume the discussion on the Budget.

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